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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIKAN GENERAL ELECTIONS: DRAFT USG STATEMENT

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1. (U) Embassy provides below for the Department's approval a draft USG statement for use once the results of Mozambique's December 1-2 presidential and legislative elections are announced by the National Elections Commission (CNE). We expect the results to be announced on or soon after the December 17 deadline. Post will inform the Department by cable of the announcement. Issuance of the statement as soon as possible after the results are announced would maximize its impact.

2. (SBU) Begin draft statement text:
The United States congratulates President-elect Armando Emilio Guebuza and all new and returning members of the Assembly of the Republic of Mozambique on their selection in the presidential and parliamentary elections of December 1 and 2, 2004. We commend the more than 60,000 polling station workers in towns and villages around the country, who by performing their duties with great dedication and competence exhibited the strong commitment of the Mozambican people to the democratic process. We urge the authorities to investigate all allegations of irregularities and take action against those responsible for any violations of law. The United States salutes President Chissano for stepping aside so that others may come forward, after his accomplished stewardship as the nation's leader. In this spirit, we urge all Mozambicans to join hands and work for the good of the country. We look forward to working with President-elect Guebuza and members of his government in helping combat the terrible scourge of HIV/AIDS and in promoting the development of Mozambique.
End text.
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